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TITLE <b>CHANGED</b> <b>HERMAN R. GINSBURG, wa.</b> <b>Herman Robert Ginsburg</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

GINSBURG's ex-wife, LILLIAN GERBER BENJAMIN, advises she was married to GINSBURG during the latter 1920's and early 1930's until their divorce in 1934. She described GINSBURG as a progressive thinker who agreed with her ideas until she became involved with the CP. She stated that they were divorced in November, 1934. The files of the Passport Office reflect that GINSBURG was married to LILLIAN GERBER on 1/3/25. Passport files reflect GINSBURG married BESSIE HOPE SHAPIRO on 4/26/35. He was still married to BESSIE in 1953. GINSBURG issued numerous passports from July, 1925 until March, 1953 in connection with his employment with the Crown Cork International Corporation of Jersey City, New Jersey.

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**DETAILS:** AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The title of this report has been marked "Changed" to reflect the name of HERMAN ROBERT GINSBURG, subject's full name, and correct spelling thereof, according to the files of the Passport Office, Department of State.

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INTERVIEW WITH FORMER WIFE

LILLIAN GERBER BENJAMIN, 950 Mississippi Avenue, S. E., was interviewed on January 5, 1955, by SAs C. EDWIN GLASS, JR., and WILLIAM C. CARROLL. She stated that she had been married during the latter 1920's and early 1930's to HERMAN GINSBURG and she had spent a lot of time traveling in Europe with him. She described GINSBURG as a progressive thinker who was in sympathy with her ideas until she became interested in and involved with the Communist Party (CP) in about 1933. She stated that her CP interests led to disagreements with HERMAN and she said in November, 1934, she and HERMAN were divorced.

PASSPORT INFORMATION

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, were reviewed by SA KENNETH J. HASER. These files reflect that HERMAN ROBERT GINSBURG was issued passport number 194 at Barcelona, Spain, on March 27, 1953. This passport listed no restrictions but as a matter of policy all regular passports issued after March 1, 1952, anywhere are not valid for Albania, Bulgaria, China, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Rumania and the USSR.

On his application dated March 27, 1953, at Barcelona, Spain, GINSBURG listed his birthdate as June 7, 1900, at Tauroggen, Lithuania. He stated he immigrated to the United States in August, 1905, and resided continuously from 1905 to 1953, at Marietta, Ohio, Baltimore, Maryland, New York City, West Orange, New Jersey and Dover, New Jersey. He stated he was naturalized at the U. S. District Court at Baltimore, Maryland, on March 14, 1922.

He listed his legal residence as of March 27, 1953, as R. D. 2, Box 424, Dover, New Jersey. His address at that time was the Avenida Palace Hotel, Barcelona, Spain. On his application, he indicated that he desired the passport to take a two months' vacation in France via Pan American Airways. He listed his parents as HARRY GINSEBURG, born in Lithuania, June 17, 1873, an American citizen who was deceased; and HANNAH D. SREBERK, born in Poland, May 14, 1874, now deceased.

GINSBURG indicated that he was married April 26, 1935, to BESSIE HOPE SHAPIRO, born February 28, 1910, at Brooklyn, New York. On his March 27, 1953, passport application, GINSBURG listed the following residences outside the United States:

May to July, 1949

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South America and  
Central America

September to November, 1949	- Europe
September to November, 1950	- Europe
August to November, 1951	- Mexico and Brazil
February to May, 1952	- Europe and Africa
September to December, 1952 and March, 1953 -	- Lisbon and Spain, having last left the United States February 25, 1953

GINSBURG was first issued passport number 94133 on July 1, 1925, to include LILLIAN GERBER, to whom he was to be married July 3, 1925, for proposed one year travel to Cuba for stop-over and Mexico for audit of Crown Cork & Seal Company of Mexico. He stated in his application June 30, 1925, at Baltimore, Maryland, that they intended to depart from New York City via Ward Line Steamer July 9, 1925. He listed his permanent residence as Baltimore, Maryland. Arrangements were made for the passport to be sent to the Clerk of U. S. District Court, Baltimore. He gave his occupation as a Certified Public Accountant. The identifying witness was CHARLES M. MOODY, 3816 Rersterstown Road, Baltimore, Maryland. He exhibited LILLIAN GERBER's father's Naturalization Certificate to prove LILLIAN's citizenship.

GINSBURG's next passport was number 508032 issued on March 15, 1928, for proposed two years' travel to Spain, France, England, Germany, Denmark, Italy and Switzerland for commercial business and travel. In his application dated March 12, 1928, at Baltimore, he stated he intended to depart New York City about March 27, 1928, ship not then known. He listed his permanent residence as Seville Apartments, Baltimore, Maryland. His father was then residing at 7 No. Montfort Avenue, Baltimore.

GINSBURG was next issued passport number 198410 on April 14, 1930, for proposed six months' travel to England, France, Spain, Algiers, Belgium and Germany for commercial business for Crown Cork International Corporation of Jersey City, New Jersey, and pleasure. In his application dated April 10, 1930, at New York City, he stated he intended to depart New York City about April 25, 1930, means not then known. He stated he had resided outside the United States in England, Spain and France from March to August, 1928; England, Spain, France, Belgium and Germany

from December 1928, to April, 1929. He listed his permanent residence as 25 E. 10th, New York City. This passport was renewed at New York City July 11, 1932, to expire April 14, 1934 for his proposed departure from New York City on the S. S. Europa July 19, 1932. He stated he had resided outside the United States in Europe (but not Lithuania) from May to October, 1930; Paris, France, London, England, Antwerp, Belgium, Hamburg and Mannheim, Germany and Copenhagen, Denmark, from June to October, 1931, for business for Crown Cork International Corporation, Jersey City, New Jersey, to which firm he requested his renewed passport be mailed. Intended visit to France, England, Germany, Spain and Belgium was indicated on the renewed passport. He listed his residence as c/o ~~K. LAPIDES~~, 934 Carroll Street, Brooklyn, New York.

GINSBURG was next issued passport number 6814 on April 12, 1933, for proposed six months' travel to England, France, Spain, Belgium and Holland as representative of Crown Cork International Corporation of Jersey City, New Jersey. In his application dated April 17, 1933, at New York City, he indicated he intended to depart New York City on the Majestic or Manhattan leaving April 18 or 19, 1933. He listed his permanent residence as 200 E. 16th Street, New York City. He stated he resided outside the United States after the renewal of his 1930 passport in Belgium, Holland, Germany, Russia (about a week), Poland, England, Spain and France from July, 1932 to November 1, 1932. He stated he had destroyed his previous 1930 passport with other papers and on April 7, 1933, executed at New York City the customary sworn affidavit regarding destruction of previous passport with this explanation: "Mrs. GINSBURG, my wife, cleaned out various old papers and passports of mine, tore them up and threw them in a waste paper basket which was dumped into the garbage and paper in our apartment house. I made a search for my passport issued April 14, 1930, within the last few days and my wife believes that she threw this passport out together with other papers, described above." In his 1933 application, he gave his mailing address as 200 E. 16th, Apartment 18-E, New York City. The identifying witness to the application was ~~MAY A. KILEY~~, 329 Ege Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, who indicated she had known him 4 years.

GINSBURG's 1933 passport was renewed at New York City on January 15, 1935, to expire January 15, 1937, for his proposed departure from New York City January 26, 1935, on the Berengaria, itinerary not given. He stated he had resided outside the United States in England, France and Spain from April, 1933, to July 11, 1933, July 17, 1934, to October 24, 1934, for business reasons.

By letter dated January 11, 1937, subject requested extension of his 1933 passport to its full validity - April 12, 1937, explaining in an attached sworn affidavit dated January 11, 1937, that he had resided temporarily abroad in England and France from February 16, 1935, to April 4, 1935; England, France and Belgium from April 30, 1935, to July 3, 1935; and England, France, Belgium, Spain and Portugal from May 21, 1936, to August 17, 1936, as representative of American Trade & Commerce representing Crown Cork International Corporation. He stated he last arrived in the United States on August 17, 1936, on the Normandie at New York City and was then residing at 237 E. 20th Street, New York City. He indicated as ties with the United States his wife, residing with him, the fact that he was comptroller, secretary and assistant treasurer and director of Crown Cork International Corporation, and all his property was located in the United States. He indicated further in the affidavit that he desired to visit France, England, Belgium, Holland and Portugal, as representative of American Trade & Commerce. The affidavit was supported by a letter dated January 11, 1937, signed by G. EDWARD BUXTON, Assistant Comptroller of Crown Cork International Corporation, a holding company organized under Delaware laws in 1928 with a large majority of stock American owned. On January 13, 1937, his passport was extended to April 12, 1937, for the subject's proposed departure from New York City on January 20, 1937, on the Berengaria for two months' travel as requested above.

The subject was next issued passport number 483226 on November 3, 1937, for proposed three months' travel to Portugal, France, England and Belgium for business, indicating in his application dated November 1, 1937, at New York City, that he intended to depart New York City on November 27, 1937, on the Vulcania. He listed his permanent residence as 184 Gregory Avenue, W. Orange, New Jersey, and his occupation as CPA. He stated he resided outside the United States in England, France, Belgium, Portugal from January 20, 1937 to March 15, 1937; England, France, Belgium, Portugal and Spain from May, 1936 to August 17, 1936; England, France and Belgium from February, 1935, to April 4, 1935; and England, France and Belgium from April 29, 1935, to July 3, 1935, since the last passport renewal.

GINSBURG was next issued passport number 7414 on August 11, 1945, to expire in one year and not valid for travel in any country except the British Isles, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Spain and Portugal for business, as well as Ireland and necessary countries en route. In his application dated July 30, 1945, at

New York City, he stated he intended to depart New York City about August 25, 1945, by ship for three months. He stated he resided outside the United States in England, France and Portugal from January to April, 1939, England and France from June to August, 1939, and Canada from January 27, 1942, to January 28, 1942. This application was supported by a letter dated July 11, 1945, from CHARLES E. MC MANUS, JR., President, Crown Cork International Corporation, Jersey City, New Jersey, stating the subject and CHARLES E. MC MANUS, JR. both Vice Presidents of the company, were applying for passports for business trip to Europe. By letter dated August 17, 1945, subject requested that his passport be amended to add the title of Vice President to his occupation (or corporation executive) and on September 4, 1945, his passport was amended at New York City to read "Executive" after the New York Passport Agency had been authorized by the Department of State to do so.

On November 8, 1945, his passport was validated at Lisbon for French Morocco en route to the United States. Subject was then at the Palace Hotel, Estoril, Portugal.

By letter dated April 10, 1946, subject requested validation of his passport issued in 1945, surrendered by him November 15, 1945, on return from Europe (as was then required) for proposed travel to Brazil in May 1946, to visit a subsidiary company, ROLHAS METALICAS (Crown Cork) S. A. of Rio de Janeiro. He planned to return via Mexico and other countries en route. On April 17, 1946, his passport was revalidated for travel within the Western Hemisphere only.

By letter dated July 19, 1946, subject requested revalidation of his passport and that of BESSIE HOPE GINSBURG, his wife, for proposed business travel to England, France, Algeria, Spain, Portugal, Belgium and Holland to visit their subsidiary companies. On July 25, 1946, his passport was revalidated for all countries except military occupied areas and notation appears in his file that his wife's passport was also being revalidated during the same period.

Subject's passport was renewed at New York City on July 10, 1947, to expire July 10, 1949, for proposed four months' travel to England, France, Belgium, Holland, Portugal and Spain for business, departing New York City August 20, 1947, on the S. S. America. His passport was then not valid for Yugoslavia.

Subject was next issued New York Series passport number 4069 on May 16, 1949, for proposed two to three months' travel to Brazil, Argentina and Mexico for business on behalf of Crown Cork International Corporation. In his application dated May 13, 1949, at New York City, he stated he intended to depart New York City about May 20, 1949, on the S. S. Uruguay and various airlines. His passport was valid for all countries except the military occupied areas and Yugoslavia. He listed his permanent residence as Center Grove Road, R. D. 2, Box 424, Dover, New Jersey. He listed past travel during the previous four years as follows:

- England - September, October, 1945
- France - October, 1945, September-October, 1946, September-October, 1947, October-December, 1948
- Belgium - October, 1945, September-October, 1946, October, 1947, October, 1948, November, 1948
- Portugal - October-November, 1945, November, 1946, October, 1947, September, 1948
- Spain - October, 1947, November, 1948
- Brazil - May-June, 1946
- Mexico - June-July, 1946, March-April, 1948
- Cuba - February, 1947, March, 1948
- Panama and Guatemala - March, 1948
- Canada - June, 1947
- Switzerland - October, 1947
- Holland - September, 1946, October, 1947, October, 1948
- England, France, Belgium and Holland - August to November, 1947
- Panama, Guatemala, Mexico and Cuba - February to April, 1948
- Belgium, Spain, Portugal, England and France - August, 1948, to December 6, 1948

Request for the above passport was supported by a letter dated May 12, 1949, from G. EDWARD BUXTON, Secretary of Crown Cork International.

Subject's 1949 passport was renewed at New York City June 27, 1951, to expire May 15, 1953, for proposed two to three months' travel to Mexico and Brazil for business, visiting subsidiaries of Crown Cork International. He intended to depart New York City or Newark via Pan American Airways to Mexico City



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and S. S. Del Norte from New Orleans to Brazil in August. The passport was valid for all countries except Japan, Okinawa, Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia. Subject stated he traveled outside the United States in Brazil and Mexico May 20 to July 8, 1949; France, Portugal, England and Belgium and Holland August 20 to November 29, 1950; British Isles, France, Belgium, Holland, Spain and Portugal August 15 to November 27, 1950, and Canada May 7 to 10, 1951, for business, visiting subsidiaries of Crown Cork International. His renewal application was supported by a letter dated June 18, 1951, from BUXTON, referred to above.

DESCRIPTION

The Passport Office files list the following description for GINSBURG:

Height:	5'6"
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Brown
Occupation:	Executive

ENCLOSURES TO BALTIMORE:

6 positives and 1 negative of photograph of subject taken in March, 1953.

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One copy of this report has been designated for Baltimore Office file 100-1568 on LOUIS GINSBERG, who reportedly is HERMAN GINSBURG's brother.

REFERENCES

Baltimore letter to Boston dated 1/25/55.

Baltimore airtel to Boston dated 2/18/55.

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REPORT MADE AT BALTIMORE	DATE WHEN MADE 3-30-55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/18/54; 1/3,5, 25; 2/8-11,15, 21; 3/2,14,22/ 55	REPORT MADE BY RALPH G. MURDY pom
TITLE <u>CHANGED</u> HERMAN ROBERT GINSBURG			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C; INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <p>Immigration record lists subject's birth as 6/7/00, Tavrick, Russia and admission to U.S. citizenship on 3/14/22 at Baltimore. Poor's Register of Directors and Executives, 1955 Edition, lists subject as President of Crown Cork International Corporation, Jersey City, N.J., and as a Director of Crown Cork and Seal Limited, Canada, and Crown Cork and Seal Company, Baltimore. The Machinery Division of Crown Cork and Seal Company, Baltimore, is a key facility and source there stated subject did not have access to classified material. EARL CLIFTON RENO, self-admitted former CP Organizer, stated in 1954-55 that two brothers of subject were CP members in Baltimore in the middle 1930s while subject himself was considered to be a Party "angel" in 1935-36. RENO stated he had no knowledge, however, that subject ever carried a CP card or attended CP meetings. RENO stated he was informed in 1936 by EARL BROWDER, then General Secretary of CP, that subject planned to contribute \$3,000 a year to the National Office of the CP in New York. Subject's former wife, LILLIAN GERBER BENJAMIN, when interviewed on 1/5/55, stated subject was opposed to her becoming involved with the CP in 1933.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: <u>AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND</u></p> <p>The title of this report has been changed to delete the name <u>HERMAN R. GINSBERG</u>, which is only a misspelling.</p> <p><del>Investigation in this case was predicated upon information</del></p>			
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Investigation in this case was predicated upon information furnished on August 18, 1954 by EARL CLIFTON RENO and described herein.

All background information with the exception of that given by Confidential Informant T-1 was furnished to SA RALPH G. MURDY, unless specifically noted otherwise.

#### I. BACKGROUND

##### A. Birth Data

Subject's Declaration of Intention and Petition for Citizenship were reviewed at Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Baltimore, Maryland, on February 9, 1955. In those records subject claimed to have been born at Tavrick, Russia on June 7, 1900 and to have arrived in the United States from Hamburg, Germany on August 25, 1905 at New York City aboard the SS New England. He claimed his last place of foreign residence was Postavia, Russia.

##### B. Citizenship Status

INS records, Baltimore, show subject was admitted to citizenship at United States District Court, Baltimore, on March 14, 1922 and was issued Certificate of Naturalization number 1653038. Witnesses to his naturalization were DAVID GERBER, 2327 Mondawmin Avenue, Baltimore, and JACOB KADLICK, 1626 East Pratt Street, Baltimore. *md.*

##### C. Education

Records of the University of Maryland Law School, infra, showed subject attended high school in Marietta, Ohio.

Records of the Young Men's Christian Association, 24 West Franklin Street, were reviewed on February 10, 1955 by SA JAMES V. SULLIVAN. Those records showed subject entered their evening school on January 7, 1917 and remained until June 1921, when he received the degree of B.C.S. from their School of Commerce and Finance.

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On February 10, 1955, SA JAMES V. SULLIVAN contacted Dr. J. WALLACE BRYAN, Custodian of CPA records for the State of Maryland. Those records showed subject was certified as a public accountant by the State of Maryland effective February 9, 1924, and granted CPA Certificate number 91. Those records showed that he had previously been issued CPA Certificate number 201 on May 15, 1922 by the State of North Carolina.

Records of the University of Maryland Law School, Baltimore, were reviewed on February 10, 1955 by SA JAMES V. SULLIVAN. Those records showed subject entered the Law School on September 12, 1924 and was graduated with an LL.B. degree in June 1927.

On February 11, 1955, SA MURDY reviewed the records of WILSON K. BARNES, Maryland Trust Building, Secretary of the State of Maryland Board of Law Examiners. Those records showed that subject passed the bar examination of the State of Maryland in June 1927.

Records of the Registrar, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, were reviewed on February 10, 1955 by SA FRANCIS J. WALSH. Those records showed that HERMAN R. GINSBURG, born June 7, 1899 in Russia, took one evening school course in economic problems during the school year 1921-1922. The records also showed he registered for a history course in the evening school for the year 1927-1928, but he withdrew from that course.

D. Marital Status

*Lillian Ginsburg Md. Cuba, Mex.*  
On January 5, 1955, Mrs. LILLIAN GERBER BENJAMIN, 950 Mississippi Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C., was interviewed by SAs C. EDWIN GLASS, JR. and WILLIAM C. CARROLL. Mrs. BENJAMIN stated she had married HERMAN GINSBURG in the late 1920s and that they have been divorced since November 1934.

The files of the Passport Office, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C., were reviewed in February 1955 by SA KENNETH J. HASER. Those files show that subject applied for a passport on June 30, 1925 at Baltimore, Maryland, and stated he intended to marry one LILLIAN GERBER on July 3, 1925, after which they would both depart from the United States at New York City on July 9, 1925.

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In a passport application dated March 27, 1953, subject stated he was married on April 26, 1935 to BESSIE HOPE ~~SHAPIRO~~ *Ginsburg* born February 28, 1910 at Brooklyn, New York.

E. Criminal Record

*Mrs. HERMAN ROBERT GINSBURG*

On March 2, 1955, FRANCIS E. DOLAN, Baltimore City Police Department, informed SE JAMES R. COCHRAN that no record for subject could be found in its files.

F. Employment

The 1928 Baltimore City Directory, published by the R.L. Polk Company, was reviewed at the Enoch Pratt Free Library on February 8, 1955. That directory showed subject and his wife, LILLIAN, resided at 713 Lake Drive, Baltimore, Maryland, and that subject was an officer in the Accounting Service and Audit Company, Rooms 1001-2, 200-4 East Lexington Street, Baltimore. The remaining officers were BENJAMIN L. LANDSBERG, DAVID GERBER, and HENRY G. BURKE.

Subject's passport application, dated June 30, 1925, stated he proposed to travel to Cuba and Mexico for one year for auditing work for the Crown Cork and Seal Company of Mexico. Subject's passport file listed extensive business travel between 1925 and 1953 in Europe and South America as an officer of the Crown Cork International Corporation.

Poor's Register of Directors and Executives, 1955 Edition, was reviewed at the Enoch Pratt Free Library on February 15, 1955. On page 301, HERMAN R. GINSBURG is listed as President of the Crown Cork International Corporation, 15 Exchange Place, Jersey City, New Jersey, and a member of the Boards of Directors of Crown Cork and Seal Company Limited of Canada and the Crown Cork and Seal Company Incorporated, of Baltimore, Maryland.

On January 3, 1955, Confidential Informant T-1, an officer of the Crown Cork and Seal Company, Baltimore, Maryland, stated that subject was then a member of the Board of Directors of that company. The Machinery Division of the Crown Cork and Seal Company, Baltimore, Maryland, is a key facility. On March 14, 1955, T-1 stated that subject did not have access to classified information.

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G. Residences

The following past residences for subject were compiled from records indicated:

Y.M.C.A. record:	1917 - 1535 East Pratt Street, Baltimore
	1920 - 7 North Montford Avenue, Baltimore
Bar Association records:	1924 - 7 North Montford Avenue, Baltimore
	1927 - 2327 Mondawmin Avenue, Baltimore
City Directories, Baltimore	1927 - 2403 Lakeview Avenue
	1928 - Seville Apartments, 713 Lake Drive, Apartment D-3 ABRAHAM, PAULINE, CHARLES and LYDIA GORDAN were also listed as occupants there.
Passport file:	4/10/30 - 25 East 10th Street, New York City
	4/7/33 - 200 East 16th Street, New York City
	1/11/37 - 237 East 20th Street, New York City
	11/1/37 - 184 Gregory Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey
	5/13/49 - Center Grove Road, RD #2, Box 424, Dover, New Jersey

H. Credit Record

On February 21, 1955, SE JAMES R. COCHRAN was advised by the Retail Merchants Credit Bureau, Baltimore, that no record for subject could be found.



## I. Relatives

In the passport application dated March 27, 1953, subject listed his parents as HARRY GINSBURG, born in Lithuania June 17, 1873, and HANNAH D. SREBERK, born in Poland May 14, 1874; both deceased.

Records of the United States District Court, Baltimore, were reviewed on February 15, 1955 relative to Declaration of Intention number 19863, filed on April 8, 1926 by HARRY GINSBURG, 7 North Montford Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland. That individual subsequently filed Petition for Naturalization 10333, at which time he listed his occupation as commission merchant, and his residence as 4213 Pimlico Road, Baltimore. HARRY GINSBURG stated he was born June 17, 1872 at Pompian, Lithuania, emigrated from Liverpool, England, and arrived in the United States at Boston, Massachusetts on August 12, 1902 aboard the SS New England. He listed his wife, ANNA, as born May 14, 1874 at Postava, Poland and stated they had six children: HERMAN, born June 16, 1899 at Taywrogen, Lithuania and resided in Baltimore, Maryland; HELEN, born August 27, 1901 at Postava, Poland and resided in New York; Louis, born April 29, 1903 at Postava, Poland, and resided in Baltimore, Maryland; Sadie, born November 7, 1907 at Marietta, Ohio, and resided in Baltimore, Maryland; RAE, born November 24, 1908 at Marietta, Ohio, and resided in Baltimore, Maryland; and SIDNEY, born January 5, 1912 at Marietta, Ohio, and resided in Baltimore, Maryland.

HARRY GINSBURG was admitted to U.S. citizenship in United States District Court, Baltimore, on June 21, 1929 and was issued Certificate of Naturalization 2881481.

## II. CONTRIBUTIONS OF FUNDS TO CP

The Communist Party USA (CP) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

EARL CLIFTON RENO is a self-admitted former CP member. From April 1935 until the end of 1936, RENO was CP Organizer in Baltimore, Maryland under the name of EARL DIXON.

EARL CLIFTON RENO *C. Member*

On August 18, 1954, EARL CLIFTON RENO, Marlow, New Hampshire, was interviewed by SA FREDERIC B. GRIFFITH, JR. At that time RENO stated that HERMAN GINSBURG, brother of LOUIS and SIDNEY GINSBURG, had at one time been married to LILLIAN BENJAMIN, supra. RENO stated that HERMAN GINSBURG was Treasurer of the Crown Cork and Seal Company in Baltimore, Maryland, and was later made a Vice-President of that company. RENO stated that HERMAN GINSBURG made contributions of what he understood to be in the neighborhood of \$3,000 per year directly to the National Committee of the CP, during the period 1935-36.

On August 18, 1954, RENO identified LOUIS and SIDNEY GINSBURG as CP members *Jimmy Berne* of Baltimore, Maryland in the middle 1930s. *B. 4-29-03 at Postava Plaza*

On February 11, 1955, EARL CLIFTON RENO was contacted by SA PHILIP F. MC CARTHY. On this occasion, RENO was shown a photograph provided by T-1 on January 25, 1955, which T-1 described as a photograph taken in 1945 and which included HERMAN R. GINSBURG, President of Crown Cork International Corporation. Upon examination of the photograph, RENO pointed out the figure of HERMAN R. GINSBURG as identical with the brother of LOUIS and SIDNEY GINSBURG, about whom he had furnished information on August 18, 1954. RENO stated that he actually saw HERMAN GINSBURG on about three or four occasions, and that his contributions to the CP were arranged by LOUIS GINSBURG, who was then known to RENO as JIMMY BERNE.

RENO added that HERMAN GINSBURG, to his knowledge, never attended any CP meetings nor did he ever carry a CP card. He stated it appeared obvious to him that HERMAN GINSBURG did not want his name to be identified with the CP and, therefore, contributed to the Party through his brother.

On February 24, 1955, EARL CLIFTON RENO, Marlow, New Hampshire, was reinterviewed by SA PHILIP F. MC CARTHY regarding HERMAN GINSBURG and photographs of the subject taken in 1927 were viewed by RENO. He stated he was certain the person in these photographs is identical with the individual known to him as HERMAN GINSBURG, who, according to RENO, is a brother of LOUIS GINSBURG, with alias JIMMY BERNE.

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The photographs RENO identified on February 24, 1955 were copied from the 1927 yearbook of the University of Maryland as described on page 11 of this report.

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RENO advised that in his capacity as Organizer of the CP in Baltimore, he worked closely with LOUIS GINSBURG, who was responsible for raising money for the Party in Baltimore. RENO stated that his best recollection of HERMAN GINSBURG becoming involved as a contributor to the CP was during the latter part of 1935. At that time RENO stated the CP office was located on Bond Street in Baltimore, and RENO recalled a conversation he had with LOUIS GINSBURG about the need for renovating the office which was in very poor condition at the time. It was decided that \$1,000 would be needed for this renovation, and LOUIS GINSBURG suggested that RENO go to a regular contributor to the CP in Baltimore, and obtain \$500. LOUIS GINSBURG stated that he could get the other \$500 from his brother, HERMAN GINSBURG. RENO stated that the \$1,000 was raised in the manner described.

Thereafter, RENO stated the name of HERMAN GINSBURG as a contributor to the CP in Baltimore came up from time to time as a matter of conversation between RENO and LOUIS GINSBURG. On four or five occasions RENO specifically recalled LOUIS GINSBURG having made mention that HERMAN GINSBURG had made a contribution to the Party. RENO was unable to recall any specific dates but stated that these contributions were made from the latter part of 1935 to approximately September or October, 1936. He stated that the amounts of these contributions were considered substantial at that time. He was unable to recall specific amounts other than the \$500 mentioned above but advised that his contributions averaged between \$300 and \$500. RENO stated he was never present with LOUIS GINSBURG when his brother, HERMAN GINSBURG, made these contributions and his knowledge of the contributions were based on his conversations with LOUIS GINSBURG.

RENO stated that HERMAN GINSBURG was regarded by the CP officials as a Party "angel" during the period, 1935 and 1936.

RENO stated that he saw HERMAN GINSBURG on about four occasions between 1935 and 1936, specific dates not recalled. He stated that on two of the above occasions he talked with HERMAN GINSBURG on money-raising matters for the CP in Baltimore. He advised his first conversation with HERMAN was at the apartment of LOUIS GINSBURG, located somewhere in the St. Paul Street area in Baltimore. On the other occasion, RENO stated to the best of his recollection, he had a conversation with HERMAN GINSBURG at the latter's residence located in Baltimore, exact location

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unrecalled. In each of the above instances, LOUIS GINSBURG was also present.

RENO was unable to elaborate any further as to what was discussed other than the fact that the conversations had to do with raising money for the CP.

RENO stated that another occasion when he recalled having seen HERMAN GINSBURG was at a banquet which GINSBURG attended which was held at Lehmann's Hall in Baltimore. RENO stated that the banquet was held for the purpose of raising funds for the CP.

The 1937 Baltimore City Directory, reviewed at the Enoch Pratt Free Library on March 22, 1955, showed Lehmann Hall at 848-58 North Howard Street.

RENO recalled that in 1936 during the national election campaign in September or October, EARL BROWDER came to Baltimore on a campaign tour. During BROWDER's visit to Baltimore, RENO stated BROWDER arranged a meeting with LOUIS GINSBURG and HERMAN GINSBURG and made arrangements with HERMAN to make fund contributions directly to the National Office of the CP in New York City.

RENO stated he was not present at this meeting but that BROWDER told him on the following day of the arrangement. RENO stated that BROWDER told him that HERMAN GINSBURG was going to contribute \$3,000 annually in the manner described above and that he was not to make any further contributions to RENO, Organizer of the CP in Baltimore.

In June 1930, at a national convention of the CP of the United States, EARL RUSSELL BROWDER was elected General Secretary of the CP, which position he retained for fifteen years. In 1936 BROWDER ran for President of the United States on the CP ticket.

Microfilm records of "The Sun", a daily newspaper published at Baltimore, Maryland, were reviewed at the Enoch Pratt Free Library on March 22, 1955. Issue of

October 19, 1936, page 18, column 5, contained an account entitled "List Auto Tags at Meeting of Communists" by LOUIS J. O'DONNELL. The account related that EARL BROWDER, CP candidate for President, spoke before a crowd of 1600 at the Lyric Theater in Baltimore on October 18, 1936 and was preceded at the lectern by EARL DIXON, local CP Organizer, and PAT TOOHEY, Pennsylvania CP Organizer.

III. OPPOSITION TO WIFE'S INTEREST IN COMMUNIST PARTY

LILLIAN GERBER BENJAMIN

When interviewed on January 5, 1955, Mrs. BENJAMIN described her former husband, HERMAN GINSEURG, as a progressive thinker who was in sympathy with her ideas until she became involved with the CP in about 1933. She stated that her CP interest led to disagreements with her husband.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

On February 14, 1955, Miss ANNE C. BAGBY, Librarian, University of Maryland Law School, Baltimore, provided a copy of the 1927 yearbook of that institution entitled "Terra Mariae". On page 206 a photograph of HERMAN R. GINSBURG showed he was a member of the Alpha Kappa Sigma Fraternity and had made an enviable scholastic record "in spite of pressing outside duties". Among the classmates of subject noted were: RIGNAL W. BALDWIN, JR.; HENRY G. BURKE; HARRY D. KAUFMAN; and MORRIS TIETZER.

On February 14, 1955 RIGNAL W. BALDWIN, JR., attorney, 10 Light Street, Baltimore, stated he had no recollection concerning the subject and was certain that subject did not attend the twenty-fifth class reunion at the Emerson Hotel, Baltimore, on April 26, 1952.

On February 15, 1955, HARRY D. KAUFMAN and MORRIS TIETZER, attorneys, 220 East Lexington Street, Baltimore, stated they had no recollection of the subject. However, KAUFMAN said he understood a few years ago from HENRY G. BURKE, another classmate, that subject had married a sister of one of BURKE's partners, DAVID GERBER, but that they had been subsequently divorced.

V. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The following physical description of the subject was compiled from subject's passport file, U.S. District Court records, and information provided by T-1:

Name	HERMAN R. GINSBURG
Residence	RD #2, Box 424, Dover, New Jersey
Employment	President, Crown Cork International Corporation, 15 Exchange Place, Jersey City, New Jersey, and member of Board of Directors, Crown Cork and Seal Companies, United States and Canada
Age	54 years
Date of Birth	June 7, 1900
Place of Birth	Tavrick, Russia

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Citizenship	Naturalized U.S. citizen, 3/14/22, U.S. District Court, Baltimore
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5' 6"
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Characteristics	Wears glasses
Marital Status	Married; wife - BESSIE HOPE SHAPIRO GINSBURG, age 44

ENCLOSURE TO NEW YORK: 1 photograph of subject taken in 1927.

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T-1 PETER MALLOY, General Counsel, Crown Cork & Seal Company, Baltimore	Background  Photo, 1945	1/3/55  1/25/55	GEORGE W. MAYO, JR.  "	100-18681-1  100-18681- 1A(3)
	Non-access	3/14/55	CHARLES M. FLEURY	This report

The Machinery Division of Crown Cork and Seal Company, Baltimore, Maryland, is a Key Facility in which the U.S. Army has security responsibility. This firm has geographical reference #19070 and the U.S. Army and Munitions Board are interested agencies.

INS, Baltimore contemplated an investigation of subject, presumably based on the information provided by EARL CLIFTON RENO, a paid source of that agency, but their file was closed due to lack of proof of CP membership.

An information copy is furnished WFO since subject's former wife may be developed as a confidential source of information.

Consideration has been given to all T symbols used in this report and they have been used in only those instances where the identity of the source must be concealed.

LEADS

NEWARK DIVISION

At Newark, New Jersey

Will search their indices and obtain a credit and criminal record for the subject.

At Dover, New Jersey

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Subject's residence at RD #2, Box 424, Dover,  
New Jersey.



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NEW YORK DIVISION

At New York, New York

1. Will interview LEONARD PATTERSON, care of INS, 70 Columbus Avenue, for possible corroboration of the allegations made by RENO. A photograph of the subject, taken in 1927, is enclosed for assistance in this interview. This lead is to be held in abeyance pending receipt of Bureau authority.
2. Will check indices and any live sources of information concerning financial contributors to the CP at a national level in the 1930s.
3. Will verify subject's marriage on 7/3/25 to LILLIAN GERBER.

BALTIMORE DIVISION.

At Baltimore, Maryland

Will submit FD-128 upon verification of subject's residence at Dover, New Jersey.

REFERENCE

Report of SA C. EDWIN GLASS, JR. dated 3/4/55 at Washington, D.C.  
Boston letter to Director dated 9/17/54 entitled "HCUA, Baltimore, Maryland, IS-C".  
Boston letter to Baltimore dated 3/14/55.

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Honorable T. Coleman Andrews,  
Commissioner,  
Internal Revenue Service,  
Treasury Department,  
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Commissioner:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it is requested that there be made available to this Department uncertified copies of the income tax returns and related documents filed by Herman Robert Ginsburg for the years 1939 through 1939.

For your assistance in this matter, it is noted that Ginsburg resided at 35 East 10th Street, New York City in 1930; in 1933, his residence was at 200 East 16th Street, New York City; as of January, 1937, his home was at 237 East 20th Street, New York City; and as of November, 1937, he lived at 184 Gregory Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey. Ginsburg has been associated over the years with various branches of the Crown Cork and Seal Company.

Sincerely yours,

HERBERT BROWNELL, JR.

Attorney General

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3-30-55

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (100-18681)

SUBJECT: HERMAN ROBERT GINSBURG  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
OO - Baltimore

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Rerep of SA RALPH G. MURDY, five copies of which are enclosed herewith, dated 3/30/55. *4-1*  
*Encl*

The Bureau is requested to obtain photostatic copies of subject's Federal Income Tax returns filed for the years 1929 through 1939. It is considered that this material will be of assistance in evaluating the possibility of subject's having contributed \$3,000 per year to the Communist Party at some time during those years.

The Bureau is requested to authorize the New York Office to interview LEONARD PATTERSON in connection with this case.

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Director, FBI (100-417406)

HERMAN ROBERT GINSBURG  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
OO - Baltimore

Re Baltimore letter dated March 30, 1955,  
requesting authority be granted for the New York Office  
to interview Leonard Patterson concerning Ginsburg.

The Baltimore Office is in receipt of  
a copy of Bureau letter dated September 16, 1954,  
captioned "Leonard Patterson, Source of Information."  
In view of the established unreliability of Patterson,  
it is not deemed advisable to authorize the New York  
Office to interview him concerning Ginsburg in an  
effort to corroborate allegations made by Earl Clifton  
Reno.

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YELLOW ONLY: Subject not in SI.

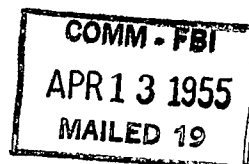
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The Honorable

The Attorney General

In re: Herman Robert Ginsburg

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 14, 1955, requesting, in connection with an official investigation being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, uncertified copies of the income tax returns and related documents filed by Herman Robert Ginsburg, 25 East 10th Street, New York, New York, and of various other addresses for the years 1929 to 1939, inclusive.

The request is receiving attention and you will be further advised at an early date.

Very truly yours,

*E. H. Tamm*  
Director, Audit Division

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Baltimore for info.  
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TO : Director, FBI (100-417406)

FROM : SAC, New York (100-124806)

SUBJECT: HERMAN ROBERT GINSBURG  
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DATE: 5/18/55

ReBulet to Baltimore, 4/13/55, Baltimore letter to Bureau, 3/30/55, and report of SA RALPH G. MURDY, 3/30/55 at Baltimore.

In compliance with the leads set forth in referenced report, the following investigation has been conducted:

The Marriage Records, Bureau of Vital Statistics for all five boroughs of NYC, were checked. None of them contain any record of the subject's marriage to LILLIAN GERBER on 7/3/25.

The office indices were checked in an effort to verify subject's reported financial contributions to the CP in the 1930's. They contain no record identifiable with the subject.

However, on 5/9/55, NY 694-S\* was shown a 1927 photograph of the subject. He was unable to identify him personally but advised that based on the other identifying information furnished, he felt sure that this was the same individual who reportedly made heavy contributions to the CP during the period 1936 to 1939. The informant advised that during the period from 1945 to 1948, he had had a number of conversations with WILLIAM WEINER, deceased, former head of the CP Reserve Fund (Secret Party Fund).

At various times during these conversations, WEINER had mentioned a HERMAN GINSBURG, who he described as a heavy contributor to the CP, especially during the years 1936 and 1937. According to WEINER, GINSBURG made his contributions to the Party through a woman who later became his wife. WEINER did not furnish the informant the name of this woman, but did state she was a CP member herself.

WEINER also advised the informant that after GINSBURG and this unknown woman were married in 1939, she influenced him into stopping his CP contributions.

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The informant stated that this was the extent of information made <sup>available</sup> to him by WEINER. He pointed out that WEINER had furnished no details as to the amounts or the dates upon which GINSBURG's contributions were made.

For the information of Baltimore, the above information furnished by NY 694-S\* must be very carefully paraphrased in the event of dissemination. Special care should be taken in the handling of the circumstances surrounding WEINER having furnished the above information. The informant's identity must be protected by a T symbol and he may be characterized as "who has furnished reliable information in the past."

The following NY informants, all of whom are deemed to have been in a good position to have known of financial contributions to the CP on a national level during the 1930's, were also contacted. They advised the subject is unknown to them. They also advised they have no knowledge of the situation involving the annual contribution of \$3,000 to the National Committee of the CP:

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[redacted]		Negative check re contributions to the CP	4/28/55	SA ARTHUR P. HEALY	Instant letter
[redacted]		"	4/28/55	SA ARTHUR P. HEALY	"
[redacted]		"	4/25/55	SA RICHARD H. BLASSER	"
[redacted]		"	5/2/55	SA RICHARD H. BLASSER	"

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All of the above informants are currently active and their identity must be protected. All of them can be characterized as "who have furnished reliable information in the past."

For the additional information of Baltimore, LEONARD PATTERSON is not being interviewed per instructions contained in referenced Bulet. RUC.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BALTIMORE**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEWARK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/25/55</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/13; 5/16/55</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOSEPH L. WALSH</b> <span style="float: right;">tg</span>
TITLE <b>HERMAN ROBERT GINSBURG</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Informant advised that subject resides at RD 2, Box 424, Dover, N.J. The files of the Credit Bureau of Morristown, N.J. reflects the subject is employed by the CROWN CORK INTERNATIONAL CORP. of Jersey City, N.J., and is married to BOBBIE H. GINSBURG. The files of the Dover, N.J. Police Department contain no record of the subject.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p><u>BACKGROUND</u></p> <p><u>RESIDENCE</u></p> <p>On April 13, 1955, Newark T-1, a representative of another government agency, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that the subject resides at RD 2, Box 424, Dover, New Jersey, and has so resided for approximately the last 15 years.</p> <p><u>EMPLOYMENT</u></p> <p>A review of the files of the Credit Bureau of Morristown, Morristown, N.J., on April 13, 1955, by SA JOSEPH L. WALSH,</p>			
<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p>			
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<p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT:</p> <p>⑤ Bureau 2 Baltimore (100-18681) 3 Newark (100-40534)</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">100-417406-6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RM RM 12 MAY 31 1955</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RECORDED-74 INDEXED-74 124</p>	

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reflected that the subject is employed by the CROWN CORK INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION of Jersey City, N.J., that he has been connected with this company since approximately 1929, and is married to BOBBIE H. GINSBURG.

*Mrs. Herman Robert Ginsburg*  
Poor's Register of Directors and Executives, 1955 edition, as reviewed by SA JOSEPH L. WALSH on May 16, 1955, reflected that the subject is President of the CROWN CORK INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION, 15 Exchange Place, Jersey City, N.J. *MS*

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

The files of the Credit Bureau of Morristown, N.J., previously mentioned, contained no information pertinent to this investigation other than that reflected under the caption employment as set out above.

On April 13, 1955, Captain L. VOELKER, Dover, N.J. Police Department, advised SA JOSEPH L. WALSH that his files contain no record of the subject.

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T-1 E.A. PALMER, Superintendent of Mail, Post Office, Dover, N.J.	Residence	4/13/55	JOSEPH L. WALSH	Instant report

Careful consideration has been given to the source concealed and a T symbol was utilized in this report only in those instances where the identity of the source must be concealed.

A review of the files of the Newark Office failed to reflect any additional information regarding the subject other than that previously reported to Baltimore in Boston letter to Baltimore, 3/14/55.

It is to be noted that the Crown Cork International Corp. of Jersey City, N.J., does not appear on the Key Facility List as maintained by the Newark Office.

REFERENCE: Report of SA RALPH G. MURDY 3/30/55 at Baltimore.



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*[Handwritten signature]*  
The Honorable

The Attorney General

In re: Herman Robert Ginsburg

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

This is in further reply to your letter dated April 14, 1955, requesting, in connection with an official investigation being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, uncertified copies of the income tax returns and related documents filed by Herman Robert Ginsburg, 25 East 10th Street, New York, New York, and of various other addresses for the years 1929 to 1939, inclusive.

Certain income tax returns and related documents for earlier years have been destroyed under authority conferred by an Act of Congress. Any income tax returns that may have been filed by the above-named individual for the years 1932 and 1933 are no longer available.

The records of the Collection Divisions of the offices of the District Directors of Internal Revenue, Newark, New Jersey, and Customhouse Building, Bowling Green, New York 4, New York, do not disclose income tax returns for Herman Robert Ginsburg for the years 1929 to 1931, inclusive, and the years 1934 to 1939, inclusive, filed from the addresses given.

Very truly yours,

*[Handwritten signature: T. Coleman Andrews]*  
Commissioner

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HERMAN ROBERT GINSBURG  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Relet from Baltimore to Bureau dated June 21,  
1955, copy to Newark.

In view of the information contained in  
relet and in other letters and reports received by  
the Bureau in this case, it is believed that an  
interview with the subject is not warranted.

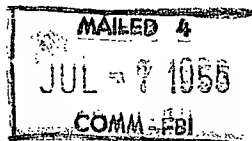
Should additional information of pertinence  
be received in the future, consideration should again  
be given to requesting authority to interview the  
subject.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject not in SI.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-417406)

DATE: 6/21/55

FROM : SAC, Baltimore (100-18681)

SUBJECT: HERMAN ROBERT GINSBURG  
SM-C; ISA OF 1950

Rerep SA RALPH G. MURDY, at Baltimore, dated 6/21/55.

Bureau authority is requested for interview of subject and the following information is provided for consideration of this request:

- 1) Subject resides at Rural Delivery 2, Dover, N.J. Is of the white race and is employed as President of the Crown Cork International Corp., 15 Exchange Place, Jersey City, N.J. Subject is also a member of the Board of Directors of Crown, Cork and Seal Company, Baltimore, Md., a part of which is a Key Facility.
- 2) In 1953, subject listed his wife as BESSIE HOPE SHAPIRO, whose occupation and race are unknown.
- 3) Subject has not been reported as a Communist Party member. EARL RENO identified subject as a "Party angel" during the period 1935 to 1936. RENO stated that he was informed by EARL BROWDER in 1936 and that subject had agreed to contribute \$3000 a year to the Communist Party.
- 4) NY 694-S stated that an unidentified HERMAN GINSBURG was a heavy contributor to the Communist Party during the period 1936 to 1939, according to a Communist Party official now deceased. That official advised the informant that GINSBURG made his contributions through a Communist Party member who later became his

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HERMAN ROBERT GINSBURG  
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wife in 1939. According to subject's Passport file he married his present wife, BESSIE HOPE SHAPIRO on 4/26/35.

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- 5) Subject's brothers J. LOUIS GINSBURG and SIDNEY GINSBURG were reported by EARL RENO as Communist Party members in the 1930s.
  - 6) No information is available concerning subject's present sympathies toward the Communist Party.
  - 7) If successful, the interview should provide information concerning the source of Communist Party funds and serve as corroboration of information furnished by EARL RENO on other matters.

Bureau authority is requested for Newark to interview subject in accordance with existing instructions relating to interviews of Security Subjects. If this subject is cooperative, no affirmative steps will be taken during the initial interview to direct his activities but a separate communication will be directed to the Bureau setting forth the results of interview and requesting authority to recontact the subject as a Potential Security Informant.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-417406)

FROM : SAC, Baltimore (100-18681)

SUBJECT: HERMAN ROBERT GINSBURG  
SM-C;  
ISA, 1950

DATE: 6/21/55

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The Newark Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The Newark Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: Box 424, Dover, New Jersey  
R.D.#2

Business Address: Crown Cork International Corp.  
15 Exchange Place  
Jersey City, New Jersey

Check the following applicable statements:

☒ This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.  
☐ This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card.  
 (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The \_\_\_\_\_ Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)  
☐ This subject was tabbed for Detcom.  
☐ This subject was tabbed for Comsab.  
☐ This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.  
☐ Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.  
☐ A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.  
☐ A security flash notice has been placed with the Identification Division.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

☐ Security Index Cards

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Bulet to BA 4/13/55  
NYlet to Director 5/18/55  
Copy of Internal Revenue let to AG 5/25/55.  
7 photos and 1 negative of subject

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cc: Newark (100-40534)  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT <b>BALTIMORE</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6/21/55</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/13, 25, 28; 5/2, 9; 6/7, 14, 20/55</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>RALPH G. MURDY</b>
TITLE <b>HERMAN ROBERT GINSBURG</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY MATTER - C; INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <p>Subject listed his residence in April, 1955, as Box 424, R.D. #2, Dover, N. J. An Informant stated that he was told by a CP official that during the period 1936-39 an unidentified <u>HERMAN GINSBURG</u> was a heavy contributor to the CP through his wife-to-be, a CP member who was also unidentified. After their marriage in 1939, this woman brought those contributions to an end. Poor's Register of Directors and Executives, 1955 Edition, lists subject as President of Crown Cork International Corporation, Jersey City, N. J., and as a Director of Crown Cork and Seal Limited, Canada, and Crown Cork and Seal Company, Baltimore. The Machinery Division of Crown Cork and Seal Company, Baltimore, is a key facility and source there stated subject did not have access to classified material.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4-1,2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-RUC-</p> <p>AGENCY <u>4-2</u>  REQ. REC'D _____  DATE FORW. <u>7-4-55</u>  HOW FORW. <u>115</u>  BY <u>2/1/55</u></p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND</u></p> <p>All Confidential Informants mentioned herein have furnished reliable information in the past, with the exception of T-8, T-9 and T-10, who are described otherwise.</p> <p>COPIES DESTROYED 62 SEP 27 1963</p> <p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <u>RAB-PDP</u> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> <p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</p> <p>④ - Bureau (100-417406) (REGIS. MAIL)  1 - INS, Baltimore (C-1653038) (REG. MAIL)  2 - G-2, Ft. Geo. G. Meade, Md. (REGIS. MAIL)  3 - Newark (100-40534) (REGIS. MAIL)  1 - Baltimore (100-18681)</p> <p>100-417406-10  JUN 23 1955  INT. SEC.</p> <p>RECORDED - 71  INDEXED - 71</p>			

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I. BACKGROUND

A. MARITAL STATUS

On June 14, 1955, SE ROBERT E. ROBERTSON stated that he was unable to locate a record of a marriage for subject between 1924 and 1930 at the Court of Common Pleas, Baltimore City, or Baltimore County Court, Towson, Maryland.

The marriage records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, New York, New York, were reviewed in May, 1955, for all five boroughs and no record could be located of a marriage on July 3, 1925, to LILLIAN ~~GERBER~~.

B. RESIDENCE

On April 13, 1955, Confidential Informant T-1, a representative of another Government agency, advised that subject then listed his residence as Box 424, Rural Delivery 2, Dover, New Jersey. T-1 stated subject had used that address for the last fifteen years.

C. EMPLOYMENT

Poor's Register of Directors and Executives, 1955 Edition, was reviewed at the Enoch Pratt Free Library on February 15, 1955. On page 301, HERMAN R. GINSBURG is listed as President of the Crown Cork International Corporation, 15 Exchange Place, Jersey City, New Jersey, and a member of the Boards of Directors of Crown Cork and Seal Company Limited of Canada, and the Crown Cork and Seal Company Incorporated of Baltimore, Maryland.

On January 3, 1955, Confidential Informant T-11, an Officer of the Crown Cork and Seal Company, Baltimore, Maryland, stated that subject was then a member of the Board of Directors of that company. The Machinery Division of the Crown Cork and Seal Company, Baltimore, Maryland, is a key facility. On March 14, 1955, T-11 stated that subject did not have access to classified information.

II. CONTRIBUTION OF FUNDS TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Confidential Informant T-2

On May 9, 1955, T-2 stated he had received information between 1945 and 1948 from a Communist Party Official concerning an unidentified HERMAN GINSBURG.

T-2 stated that he himself had never met this HERMAN GINSBURG and would be unable to identify him personally. However, T-2 said the Communist Party Official described the unidentified HERMAN GINSBURG as a heavy contributor to the Communist Party during the period 1936 to 1939. GINSBURG reportedly made his contributions through an unidentified female Communist Party member who later became his wife. After their marriage in 1939, this woman reportedly influenced GINSBURG to stop his Communist Party contributions.

The files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D. C., reviewed in February, 1955, by SA KENNETH J. HASER, showed an application dated March 27, 1953, in which subject stated he was married on April 26, 1935, to BESSIE HOPE SHAPIRO, who was born on February 28, 1910, at Brooklyn, New York.

Mrs Herman Robert Ginsburg

Other Informants

The following Informants, all of whom were in a position to have knowledge of financial contributions to the Communist Party on a national level during the 1930s, stated that

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subject was not known to them, and that they had no knowledge of a situation involving the annual contribution of \$3,000.00 to the National Committee of the Communist Party:

T-4 on April 28, 1955  
T-5 on April 28, 1955  
T-6 on April 25, 1955  
T-7 on May 2, 1955.

### III. MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY

#### Confidential Informant T-8

On May 17, 1955, T-8, an admitted former Communist Party member at Baltimore during the 1930s, was shown a photograph of subject taken in 1927. T-8 stated he was unable to recognize either the photograph or subject's name.

### IV. MISCELLANEOUS

#### Confidential Informant T-9

On February 15, 1955, T-9, a former associate of J. LOUIS GINSBURG, aka., JIMMY GINSBURG, at sometime between 1924 and 1936, was contacted. T-9 was unable to identify a photograph of subject taken in 1927. However, T-9 recalled that JIMMY GINSBURG had an older brother, whose name he did not know, who had been an accountant and connected with the management of the Crown, Cork and Seal Company, Baltimore, Maryland. T-9 said that that brother, who had been a good scholar, had moved to New York City many years ago. n 4

#### Confidential Informant T-10

On April 12, 1955, T-10, a relative of J. LOUIS GINSBURG, aka., JIMMY GINSBURG, was contacted. T-10 stated that

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JIMMY GINSBURG had a wealthy brother named HERMAN GINSBURG who lived in New York City. T-10 stated he had never met HERMAN GINSBURG and was unable to provide any additional information.

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INFORMANTS (continued)

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity and/or Description of Info.</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Agent To whom Furnished</u>	<u>File No. Where Located</u>
T-6 [REDACTED]	Negative re contributions to CP	4/25/55	RICHARD H. BLASSER	100-18681-20
T-7 [REDACTED]	Negative re contributions to CP	5/2/55	RICHARD H. BLASSER	100-18681-20
T-8 LINCOLN J. GERENDE, U.S. Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Md. (By request)	Subject unknown	5/17/55	MARVEN H. KABERLE	100-18681-24
T-9 SAMUEL H. FELDSTEIN, 220 East Lexington St., Balto., Md. (By request)	Possible identification	2/15/55	RALPH G. MURDY	100-18681-17
T-10 MILTON KESSLER, 5 S. Gay St., Balto. Md. (Deemed advisable)	Possible identification	4/12/55	RALPH G. MURDY	100-18681-19

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REFERENCE

New York letter to Director, 5/18/55;  
Report of SA JOSEPH L. WALSH, 5/25/55, Newark.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-417406)

DATE: 8/9/55

FROM : SAC NEWARK (100-40534)

SUBJECT: HERMAN ROBERT GINSBURG  
SM - C  
ISA of 1950

Rerep of SA RALPH G. MURDY 6/21/55 at Baltimore  
and Bulet to Newark dated 7/7/55.

Rerep set out a lead for Newark to interview the  
subject upon receipt of the Bureau's approval for such  
interview to be conducted.

ReBulet reflects that an interview with the subject  
is not warranted.

A review of the Newark file on captioned subject fails  
to reflect CP membership or activities within the past 5 years  
or front group membership or activities within the past 3 years.

In view of the above, this case is being placed in a  
closed status.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-417406)

DATE: 3/21/58

FROM : *gjk* SAC, BALTIMORE (100-18681)SUBJECT: HERMAN ROBERT GINSBURG  
SM - C; ISA OF 1950  
OO: Newark

*B* Remylet 3/7/58 and Bureau letter 2/21/58, both of which were captioned "Communist Party, USA, Funds, IS - C."

Referenced Baltimore letter set forth the identities of individuals considered to be contributors to the Communist Party in this area. Subject's name was listed on page 2 of this letter; however, his name was inadvertently spelled GINSBERG. Referenced Bureau letter instructed all offices to submit recommendations concerning interviews of these contributors.

The files of the Baltimore Office reflect that this case was RUC'd to the Newark Office by FD-128 dated 6/21/55. By letter dated 6/21/55 to the Director, the Baltimore Office requested authority for the Newark Office to interview subject. The files of the Baltimore Office do not reflect whether or not this interview has ever been conducted. If it has not been conducted, it is recommended that the Bureau give consideration to authorizing the Newark Office to interview this subject at this time, inasmuch as he has been identified by [redacted] and EARL RENO as a heavy contributor to the CP during 1936-39. It is believed that this interview, if authorized, could possibly result in the receipt of valuable information concerning the financial activities of the CP in the past, and possibly information concerning present CP financial activities.

It is requested that the results of any interview conducted of this subject be made available to the Baltimore Office. *is*

- ② - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 2 - Newark (100-40534)(REGIS. MAIL)
- 1 - Baltimore

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-417406)

DATE: 3/27/58

FROM : SAC NEWARK (100-40534)

SUBJECT: HERMAN ROBERT GINSBURG  
SM - C  
ISA of 1950  
(OO: Newark)

Re Baltimore letter to Bureau 3/21/58.

Bureau letter to Newark dated 7/7/55 advised that an interview with GINSBURG was not believed to be warranted at that time. The letter instructed Newark to give consideration to requesting authority to interview him in the event additional information of pertinence was received.

GINSBURG has not been interviewed by the Newark Office.

A review of the Newark file on GINSBURG fails to reflect any additional pertinent information to warrant consideration being given to requesting authority to interview him.

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1 - Baltimore (100-18681) (RM)  
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Director, FBI (100-3-63)  
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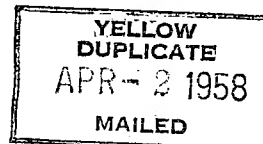
HERMAN ROBERT GINSBURG  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Re Bulet to Newark dated March 18, 1958,  
and Baltimore letter to the Bureau dated March 21,  
1958.

In accordance with the procedure set forth  
in referenced Bulet, Bureau authority to interview  
Ginsburg is being held in abeyance. Upon receipt of  
a copy of the list of Communist Party contributors  
to be furnished to Robert Thompson by NY 694-S, Bureau  
will again give consideration to authorizing an  
interview with Ginsburg if his name is not included  
on this list.

1 - Baltimore (100-18681 - Herman Robert Ginsburg)

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